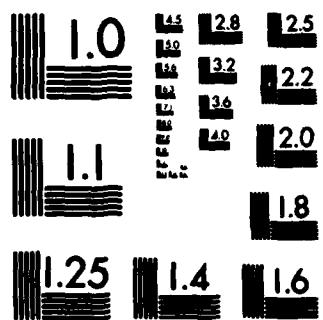


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INDICATORS OF COMPARATIVE EAST-WEST  
ECONOMIC STRENGTH, 1981\*

This annual report consists of tables showing the relative importance of selected countries in terms of gross national product (GNP); population; foreign trade; trade balance; exports as a percentage of GNP; and production of coal, crude steel, electric power, crude petroleum, primary aluminum, and motor vehicles. Defense expenditures are also provided, but it should be noted that reliable figures in that category are available only for the West.

The report reflects extensive use of material from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the United Nations, the International Monetary Fund, and official government sources. Where necessary--and as far as possible--data have been adjusted for statistical comparability.

In interpreting the absolute levels of GNP and per capita GNP, the market exchange rates used in converting national currencies to US dollars do not necessarily reflect the relative purchasing power within the various countries. As a consequence, it

\* For the purpose of this report, the East comprises the European members of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (CEMA, also called CMEA or COMECON): the USSR, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Poland, and Romania. The West comprises the United States, Canada, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, the European OECD countries (see table 3 for a complete listing), and Yugoslavia. Yugoslavia, although a communist country, is included with the West because of its special status in the OECD. China is listed separately.

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should not be concluded, for instance, that Switzerland's per capita standard of living in 1981 was 19 percent higher than that of the US, or that the UK's was 30 percent lower, as the statistics may imply.

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Table 1. Indicators of Comparative East-West Economic Strength, 1981

Item	Unit	European OECD	US	Canada	Japan	Australia and New Zealand	Yugoslavia	Total West	USSR	Other Eastern Europe <sup>e</sup>	Total European CEMA <sup>f</sup>	China	Rest of World <sup>g</sup>
Population (mid-1981)	Millions	397	230	24	118	18	23	809	268	110	378	1,032	2,313
GNP, total <sup>a</sup>	Billion dollars	3,101	2,938	274	1,127	184	52	7,675	1,587	670	2,257	328	1,322
Per capita GNP <sup>b</sup>	Dollars	7,816	12,783	11,318	9,578	10,205	2,300	9,487	5,928	6,101	5,977	318	572
Foreign trade													
Imports (c.i.f.)	Billion dollars	803.4	9/261.0	9/66.5	142.7	9/29.5	12.1	1,315.2	9/73.2	9/83.9	157.1	22.4	520.0
Exports (f.o.b.)	Billion dollars	743.0	233.7	70.6	151.8	27.4	8.4	1,234.9	79.4	87.0	166.4	18.6	540.9
Trade balance	Billion dollars	-60.4	-27.3	+4.1	+9.1	-2.1	-3.7	-80.3	+6.2	+3.1	+9.3	-3.8	-20.9
Exports as percentage of GNP	Percentages	24.0	8.0	25.8	13.5	14.9	16.2	16.1	5.0	13.0	7.4	5.7	40.9
Production													
Coal <sup>d</sup>	Million MT	327	716	35	17	114	26	1,235	565	385	950	620	284
Crude steel	Million MT	150	109	15	102	8	2	386	149	57	206	36	127
Electric power	Billion KWH	1,734	2,448	379	522	126	60	5,268	1,325	420	1,745	306	833
Crude petroleum	Million MT	126	421	63	insig.	19	4	633	586	14	600	101	1,442
Primary aluminum	Thousand MT	3,644	4,489	1,238	778	533	197	10,878	2,475	475	2,950	415	3,704
Motor vehicles, total	Thousands	11,350	1/7,925	1,323	11,184	9/399	248	32,429	2,198	890	3,088	176	1,407
of which:													
Passenger cars	Thousands	9,960	1/6,225	803	6,978	9/359	175	24,500	1,324	696	2,020	none	1,200
Commercial vehicles	Thousands	1,390	1/1,700	520	4,206	9/40	73	7,929	874	194	1,068	176	207

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FOOTNOTES:

- a. Includes Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Poland, and Romania.

- b. Data for "Rest of World" are very rough estimates, based mainly on UN data.

- c. Hard coal and lignite in terms of hard-coal equivalents.

- d. Factory sales.

- e. Including assembly.

- c. For the Western countries data are not adjusted for the purchasing power equivalents of the dollar. Currencies were converted into dollars at average 1981 trade conversion factors, as published by OECD. Please see introduction and table 3. Values for Communist countries are estimates.
- d. Imports f.o.b., except for New Zealand and Hungary, which are c.i.f.

- e. Hard coal and lignite in terms of hard-coal equivalents.

- f. Factory sales.

- g. Including assembly.

Table 2. Indicators of Economic Strength of Western Europe, US, Canada, Japan, Australia, and New Zealand, 1981

Country or Area	Item	Gross National Product <sup>a/</sup>		Defense Expenditure <sup>b/</sup>		As percentage of GNP	Foreign Trade <sup>/</sup>			Exports as percentage of GNP
		Population mid-1981 (millions)	Total (billion dollars)	Per capita (dollars)	Total (billion dollars)		Imports (c.i.f.)	Exports (f.o.b.)	Balance	
								(billion dollars)		
Belgium	9.86	95.2	9,655	3.3	3.5	61.9	55.5	-6.4	56.0	
Luxembourg	0.36	(GDP) 3.8	10,472	1.2	2.5	17.5	16.0	-1.5	28.5	
Denmark	5.12	56.1	10,957	1.4	4.2	120.5	101.3	-18.2	17.7	
France	53.98	673.0	10,619	23.8	3.4	165.4	177.8	+12.4	25.9	
Federal Republic of Germany	61.67	686.5	11,132	23.1	5.9	8.9	4.3	-4.6	11.1	
Greece	9.71	38.8	3,996	2.3	0.3	10.6	7.8	-2.8	47.5	
Ireland	3.44	16.5	4,787	8.7	1.7	91.2	75.7	-15.5	21.6	
Italy	57.20	360.2	6,122	8.7	2.5	95.9	68.5	+2.6	49.4	
Netherlands	14.24	138.7	9,740	4.5	3.3	65.9	68.5	+2.6	20.6	
UK	55.83	499.2	8,941	26.2	5.0	99.5	102.7	+3.2	20.6	
Total EC of Ten	271.39	2,458.0	9,057	92.6	3.8	641.4	609.6	-31.8	24.8	
Iceland	0.23	2.8	12,174	none	none	1.0	0.9	-0.1	32.3	
Norway	4.10	56.2	13,463	1.6	3.0	15.8	17.9	+2.3	32.5	
Portugal	9.93	22.9	2,306	0.8	3.7	9.7	4.1	-5.6	18.1	
Turkey	46.38	56.2	1,212	2.8	5.0	8.9	4.8	-4.1	8.5	
Total European NATO <sup>a/</sup>	328.59	2,578.6	7,847	97.5	3.8	666.0	629.6	-36.5	24.4	
Austria	7.51	65.5	8,722	0.8	1.2	21.0	15.8	-5.2	24.1	
Finland	4.80	47.4	9,875	0.7	1.4	14.2	14.0	-0.2	28.5	
Spain	37.65	184.5	4,900	4.4	2.4	32.2	20.5	-11.7	11.1	
Sweden	8.32	110.1	13,233	3.4	3.1	28.8	28.5	-0.3	25.9	
Switzerland	6.47	98.5	15,224	1.8	1.8	30.6	26.9	-3.7	27.3	
Total European OECD	396.78	3,101.1	7,816	108.9	3.5	803.4	743.0	-60.4	24.0	
Yugoslavia	22.52	51.8	2,300	n.a.	n.a.	12.1	8.4	-3.7	16.2	
Total	419.30	3,152.9	7,519	108.9	3.5	815.5	751.4	-64.1	23.8	
US	229.81	2,937.7	12,783	177.0	6.0	1/261.0	233.7	-27.3	8.0	
Canada	24.21	274.0	11,318	5.1	1.9	1/66.5	70.6	+4.1	25.8	
Total NATO <sup>a/</sup>	582.61	5,790.3	9,939	279.6	4.8	983.5	933.8	-59.7	16.1	
Japan	117.85	1,126.8	9,578	9/10.9	1.0	142.7	151.8	+9.1	13.5	
Australia	14.86	158.9	10,893	4/4.8	3.0	1/23.8	21.8	-2.0	13.7	
New Zealand	3.13	24.7	7,891	9/8.5	2.1	5.7	5.6	-0.1	22.7	
Total	808.96	7,675.0	9,487	307.2	4.0	1,315.2	1,234.9	-80.3	16.1	

Table 2. Indicators of Economic Strength of Western Europe, US, Canada, Japan, Australia, and New Zealand, 1981—Continued

Country or Area	Item	PRODUCTION						Motor Vehicles	
		General <sup>b</sup> /Index 1975 = 100	Coal <sup>j</sup> / (million MT)	Crude Steel (million MT)	Electric Power (billion KWH)	Crude Petroleum (million MT)	Primary Aluminum (thousand MT)	Passenger Cars	
								(thousands)	
Belgium	112	6.1	12.3	50.6	none	none	none	none	none
Luxembourg	100	none	3.8	1.2	0.8	none	none	none	none
Denmark	119	none	0.6	18.2	1.7	425.6	2,953.2	472.8	none
France	117	20.4	21.3	260.8	4.5	728.4	3,590.4	312.0	none
Federal Republic of Germany	116	127.7	42.2	388.8	0.2	147.6	none	none	none
Greece	129	9.1	0.9	21.7	10.9	none	none	none	none
Ireland	136	0.1	Insig.	183.2	1.5	273.8	1,256.4	175.2	none
Italy	125	1.0	24.8	64.1	1.3	318.0	78.0	12.0	none
Netherlands	109	none	5.5	277.7	87.0	338.4	665.2	229.2	none
UK	103	127.8	10.6	1,267.2	97.0	2,241.6	8,833.2	1,201.2	none
Total EC of Ten	115	292.2	122.0	1,381.0	123.0	2,986.2	8,833.2	1,201.2	none
Iceland	n.a.	none	3.2	none	74.6	none	none	none	none
Norway	132	0.3	0.9	93.5	23.6	632.4	none	none	none
Portugal	142	0.2	0.3	13.1	none	none	none	none	none
Turkey	n.a.	8.5	1.8	24.9	2.4	37.6	none	none	none
Total European NATO <sup>e</sup>	116	301.1	126.0	1,733.9	125.7	3,643.8	9,960.3	1,389.9	none
Austria	124	1.5	5.1	42.9	1.3	94.8	7.2	6.0	none
Finland	129	none	2.4	39.3	none	none	none	none	none
Spain	114	24.6	13.2	110.7	1.4	398.6	861.6	127.2	258.3
Sweden	94	none	3.8	100.0	none	84.0	none	55.5	none
Switzerland	115	none	0.9	49.1	none	82.2	none	none	none
Total European OECD	115	327.3	150.4	1,733.9	125.7	3,643.8	9,960.3	1,389.9	none
Yugoslavia	144	26.3	2.4	60.1	4.4	196.8	175.2	73.2	none
Total	116	353.6	152.8	1,794.0	130.1	3,840.6	10,135.5	1,463.1	none
US	128	716.2	108.8	2,448.0	421.3	4,488.8	1/6,225.0	1,700.0	none
Canada	117	35.1	14.8	378.8	62.7	1,238.0	803.1	519.6	none
Total NATO <sup>f</sup>	121	1,052.4	248.6	4,207.6	607.0	8,713.0	15,861.3	3,420.8	none
Japan	146	16.9	101.7	521.9	0.4	777.6	6,978.0	4,206.0	none
Australia	117	111.7	7.6	103.2	18.6	379.5	5/358.8	1/39.6	none
New Zealand	n.a.	2.0	0.2	22.7	0.4	153.6	none	none	none
Total	124	1,235.5	385.9	5,268.4	633.5	10,878.1	24,500.4	7,928.3	none

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a. Data are not adjusted for the purchasing power equivalent of the dollar. Please see introduction.

b. Currencies were converted into dollars at average 1981 trade conversion factors, as published by OECD. Please see table 3.

c. Defense expenditures are according to NATO definitions for NATO countries except Denmark. Generally, budget data were used for other countries. Totals do not include Yugoslavia.

d. Fiscal years: For Japan and New Zealand ending March 31, 1982; for Australia, Ireland, Sweden, ending June 30, 1982.

e. Total of countries listed above, except Ireland.

f. F.o.b.

g. European NATO plus US and Canada.

h. Totals are based on UN weights. Totals only for countries for which information was available.

i. Hard coal and lignite in terms of hard-coal equivalents.

j. Factory sales.

k. Including assembly.

Table 3. Exchange Rates Used  
(Currency units per US dollar)

Country	Conversion rate	National unit	GNP, defense expenditures, trade
			OECD average 1981 trade conversion factor
European OECD			
Austria	Schilling . . . . .		15.93
Belgium-Luxembourg	Franc . . . . .		37.13
Denmark	Krone . . . . .		7.123
Finland	Markka . . . . .		4.315
France	Franc . . . . .		5.435
Federal Republic of Germany	DM . . . . .		2.26
Greece	Drachma . . . . .		55.41
Iceland	Krona . . . . .		7.224
Ireland	Pound . . . . .		0.619
Italy	Lira . . . . .		1,136.77
Netherlands	Gulden . . . . .		2.50
Norway	Krone . . . . .		5.74
Portugal	Escudo . . . . .		61.55
Spain	Peseta . . . . .		92.31
Sweden	Krona . . . . .		5.06
Switzerland	Franc . . . . .		1.964
Turkey	Lira . . . . .		111.22
UK	Pound . . . . .		0.493
Rest of OECD			
Australia	Dollar . . . . .		0.870
Canada	Dollar . . . . .		1.199
Japan	Yen . . . . .		220.54
New Zealand	Dollar . . . . .		1.149 (IMF)

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